payment of salaries was introduced in Malabar for the first time. Most of the accounts have now been settled and the authorities have been asked to expedite the settlement of the pending cases.

Low Income Group Housing Scheme

* 2620 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether this Government have issued any orders to implement the Low Income Group Housing Scheme of Government of India in this State;

(*b*) if so, the number of houses to be constructed; and

(*c*) where these houses would be constructed?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(b) About 320 houses through co-operative societies and 250 houses through Madras City Improvement Trust.

(c) the houses to be constructed through the agency of co-operative societies will be in places where co-operatvie housing societies are functioning and where applications for assistance under the scheme are forthcoming. The City Improvement Trust will construct houses in four different places in the City, viz., Mandavelipakkam, Sylvan Lodge Colony, City Improvement Trust Colony and City Improvement Trust Nagar.

Basic education ranges in Malabar

* 2621 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many Basic Education ranges there are in the State and how many in Malabar;

(*b*) the total number of institutions included in the ranges;

(*c*) of the institutions in the range, how many were basic schools before the creation of the ranges and whether they were all supplied with craft equipments;

(*d*) of the new schools taken in, how many were supplied subsequently with craft equipment; and

(*e*) whether the Government call for monthly craft reports and whether they get them?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: (a) There are 20 basic compact ranges in the State of which 3 are in Malabar.

(*b*) 729 schools.

(*c*) 669 Basic schools out of which 609 schools were supplied with craft equipment.

(*d*) 19.

(*e*) Yes, Sir.